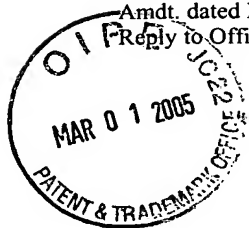


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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2005, the term to respond extends to April 26, 2005. Please enter this amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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